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of urban
sustainability.



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June 20



"Seattle's Ecological Footprint: Present & Future"

Monday, June 20, 2005, 5:30-7:00 pm
Seattle Central Library Auditorium

FEATURING: Dahlia Chazan
Co-Director, Sustainability Indicators Program,
Redefining Progress

Ever wonder how Seattle is progressing towards minimizing our environmental impact and becoming sustainable? At our next event, you'll learn about the "ecological footprint"—an internationally recognized indicator that measures the environmental impact of human activity at the individual, community and national level. Featured speaker Dahlia Chazan will provide an overview of Seattle's ecological footprint as a measure of our progress. She will also discuss recommendations for public policies and initiatives that can reduce our footprint over the next 10 years.

While global ecological footprint accounts over the last 40 years indicate a 25-year growth trend beyond the amount of renewable biocapacity, local governments have an opportunity to change development patterns and influence the use of natural resources by advancing innovative sustainable development policies and programs.

The Ecological Footprint Analysis developed by Redefining Progress measures the amount of renewable and nonrenewable ecologically productive land area required to support the resource demands and absorb the wastes of a given population or specific activities. Prior to attending the event, we invite you to calculate your own ecological footprint at www.myfootprint.org.

Chazan's experience spans both natural sciences and urban planning, an invaluable synergy for sustainability work. Building on her undergraduate studies in ecology, she earned Master's degrees in Urban Planning and Natural Resources Policy from the University of Michigan. She then worked as a planning consultant to a variety of nonprofit land conservation and smart growth groups, as well as government agencies, throughout California. Through these projects Chazan developed experience with local government policy-making, particularly that associated with land use decisions.

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